

## ELEANOR FLETCHER BISHOP

OFFERS TO RAISE THE MAINE IF SHE GETS HER \$41,000,000.

Says Mexico Owns Her the Money—She New Signs Herself Countess Gladstone—Mother of Washington Irving Bishop, the Mind Reader.

It is a long time since New York has heard from Eleanor Fletcher Bishop, who was described in despatches of three years ago as an inmate of the poorhouse at Montpelier, Vt. She was once an actress, was an army nurse in war time, and in 1893 she announced her marriage at Burlington, Vt., to "Lucius Langdon Nicholas, a great-great-grandson of an Emperor of Russia." She was described at the time as "the daughter of the late Sir James Davidson of Liverpool, who was a cousin of William E. Gladstone." As will be seen, she now calls herself "Countess Gladstone Nicholas." She was the mother of Bishop the mind reader. She now writes to a member of the Spanish War Veterans this letter:

DEAR Sir—I understand you and other distinguished veterans are raising the battleship Maine. I am the granddaughter and sister of Admirals and Generals and have very recently buried my second husband, Count Lucas Langdon Nicholas, and am residing in this strange city in a destitute condition, nearly blind and under daily care of a physician whom I am unable to pay although a millionaire and powerless to administer upon my late husband's estate for want of funds.

If you will compel the Government of Mexico to pay me the \$41,000,000 said Government has acknowledged it owes me and the late Gen. Carlos Butterfield for money loaned and services rendered Mexico I will pay all the expenses of raising the Maine. The kingdom of Denmark should be paid for two vessels they destroyed belonging to us after said kingdom had given permission to enter St. Thomas for repairs. They fired upon and destroyed said vessels while the American flag was floating at the masthead. I call that a "Maine" case. What is your opinion?

My heroic brother commanded the U. S. S. Baltic, in which they rescued Major Robert Anderson from Fort Sumter. They also commanded U. S. S. Constitution and took part of the expedition to Alexandria, where he met his tragic death. They also commanded the gunboats Queen and Ethan Allen under the late Admiral Farragut. They also gave their fortunes and services in protecting Old Glory and never asked or received any reward. I too devoted health, time and wealth in nursing the sick and wounded and have never ceased while in my power to provide for the widows and orphans of our army and navy.

My only child, the late renowned thought reader, Sir Eminent Commander Denmark, now Irving Wellington Bishop, was taken by a doctor from the Lambs Club in New York while in one of his usual trances and carved up while yet alive. My heart and life have become so broken from this great shock and by the sad accident of being disfigure I can write no more, but beg to ask you to save my life by loaning me some money to assist me that I may appeal my case to the United States Court of Equity and perhaps recover my home, valued at \$250,000, in Montpelier.

This hotel has just been sold and I must seek a shelter. I have given many benefits for the soldiers and sailors and turned my elegant home on Fifth avenue, New York city, into a home for the sick and wounded soldiers and sailors and their families. The late President Abraham Lincoln named me the "Real Florence Nightingale of America" for my untiring devotion to the sick and wounded during and since the civil war.

Praying for an immediate answer I have the honor to be the loyal friend and nurse of soldiers and sailors.

COURTESY GLADSTONE NICHOLAS, Banquet Hotel, Rutland, Vt.

Mrs. Bishop had the doctors who made an autopsy on the body of her son indicted, and the jury disagreed.

SAYS POLICEMEN BEAT HIM.

Magistrate Lectures Patrolman for Manner of Sunday Arrest.

Alfred Predinger, a shoe dealer at 321 Knickerbocker avenue, Williamsburg, was arraigned before Magistrate O'Reilly in the Manhattan police court yesterday on a charge of violating the Sunday law by selling a pair of shoes to Policeman O'Hara of the Hamburg avenue station. Predinger told the Magistrate that the policeman had beaten him and that he was going to complain to Police Commissioner Baker.

While I was in my store on Sunday afternoon," Predinger said, "this policeman, who was in plain clothes, came in and asked me to sell him shoes. I wasn't open for business and told him so. He coaxed me to let him have a pair, and when I finally complied with his request he placed me under arrest. When I asked him to let me go into a rear room to tell my clerk that I was arrested and send him to get me a bondman the policeman dragged me out of my store and arrested me at my home."

The Magistrate told Predinger that inasmuch as he had violated the law in selling a pair of shoes, a fine of \$5 would have to be imposed.

"You have your remedy," the Magistrate went on, "by making a complaint against these policemen to the Police Commissioner. They had no right to handle you in the brutal manner they did."

Turning to the cops Magistrate O'Reilly said: "This is a respectable business man. He is the owner of his own store, and you had no right to abuse him as you did. He is not a crook. If he had offered any violence when he refused to sell you shoes, you had a right to come here and apply for a warrant. This man wouldn't have run away."

RETAILERS STANDS.

New Jersey Supreme Court Decides a Point as to the Corporation Law.

TRENTON, N. J., March 7.—The retaliatory provisions of the New Jersey corporation law were held to be valid to-day by the Supreme Court in the mandamus proceedings instituted by the Texas Company to compel the Secretary of State to issue a certificate authorizing the company to transact business in New Jersey upon payment of a \$10 fee. The Secretary of State refused to grant the authorization except upon payment of a fee of \$12.00, which would be the amount charged in Texas to a New Jersey corporation of like size seeking to do business in that State.

The flat fee of \$10 is charged in New Jersey except to corporations of such States as require larger fees from New Jersey corporations. In these cases the retaliatory provision requires a fee equal to that levied by the home State of such corporation. The Secretary of State, through former Attorney-General McCarter, contended that this contingent legislation was unconstitutional and that even if free from that defect no machinery had been provided for placing it in operation. Both these contentions were declared unwarranted by the Supreme Court.

Franchise Cases Remanded to State Courts.

Judge Cox of the United States District Court sent back to the State courts yesterday the case of the State of New York against the Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company and other minor street railway corporations on the ground that the United States courts have no jurisdiction. The suits are to annul franchises.

## ESCAPE JAIL, PAY FINES.

Court Accepts the Apologies of Union Officials in Contempt.

Supreme Court Justice Blachoff remitted yesterday the sentence of twenty days imprisonment imposed on Patrick J. McCormick, former president of Typographical Union No. 4, and Vincent C. Costello, an organizer of the union, for contempt in disobeying an injunction order obtained by the Typothetae in 1907 restraining the union and its officers and members from committing acts of violence. As to the fines imposed at the time the Court decided that \$250 each be paid within ten days by McCormick and Costello and \$100 each by William J. S. Anderson and Thomas Bennett, two union pickets.

The conviction had been affirmed by the Court of Appeals and the case came before Justice Blachoff again on the plaintiffs' application that jail commitments for McCormick and Costello be issued. McCormick and Costello made an appeal for clemency and the Court said:

"The Court's acknowledgment is due to the plaintiffs and their counsel for their able and persistent defence of the Court's dignity in that they prosecuted the contempt proceedings without hope of pecuniary reward or reimbursement for expenses, and after a search I have been unable to find a direct precedent for the course taken by me I feel it my duty to point to the authority of the Court and the reasons why I deem the course proper."

Justice Blachoff says that "punishment does not proceed from any duty to appease public wrath or private vengeance but ethically and judicially considered its aim is correction and prevention. If reparation is made to the Court in the case of criminal contempt, and it is appealed, no one can be heard to complain if it remits the punishment intended."

The plaintiffs may sue for damages if they have suffered any.

"I have not been unkind of an impression prevalent among many persons of the class to which the respondents belong that the order violated constitutes an unjust interference with the rights of those enjoined, because of which the latter are sometimes persuaded to determine their rights for themselves and are impatient of or unwilling to await the arbitration of the courts—a course leading toward the destruction of society, which order which law is designed to maintain. I am willing to assume that the respondents have fallen into that error, and if they have now been cured they have come to a realization of what good citizenship and a due regard for the rights of others demands of them. The Court's dignity is not lessened if it overlooks and forgives their past offense, and spares them the humiliation of confinement in jail. I believe the Court should be content with their apologies and promises and feel assured that clemency under the circumstances is better in keeping with the Court's dignity than would be ruthless and inexorable enforcement of respondents' disobedience."

The Court remarks that aside from the contempt the defendants have been good and useful citizens and have risen to positions of dignity among their fellow craftsmen and have contributed to the common weal so far as their station would permit. "I can't see any good purpose to be served," says the Court, "by directing imprisonment and contempt against respondents who feel humiliated and lowered in the esteem of their friends and neighbors. Should future events prove my error I will leave to the fact that it was at mercy's prompting."

SUIT FOR NEELY'S CASH BAIL.

He Is Likely to Get the Money Back if Government Does Not Get Action.

The civil action of the United States against Charles F. W. Neely, who was concerned in the Cuban postal frauds ten years ago, promises to be reopened in the April term of the United States Circuit Court. Judge Cox denied yesterday a motion to vacate an attachment which the Government has held against \$20,000 cash bail given by Neely in 1900 after he had been arrested by the Government that it might be granted if the case was not tried promptly.

Neely, who was the chief of the bureau of finance in the Cuban Department of Posts, was convicted of converting the proceeds of stamp sales to his own use. The amount of his thefts was set at \$140,000. Neely was paroled by the Cuban general amnesty act which liberated all American prisoners.

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ROBS HIS STEPMOTHER.

Holds a Gun at Her Head and Steals the Rings From Her Fingers.

Joseph Greenberg, who sometimes lives with his father and stepmother at 1915 Third avenue and sometimes doesn't, turned up at the Greenberg flat yesterday morning and told Mrs. Greenberg that he was badly in need of a little money. Mrs. Greenberg was telling Joseph that he would have money of his own if he would work in the store with his father as his brother did, when Joseph pushed a revolver at her face and turned his request into a demand.

Mrs. Greenberg, too frightened to shout, threw out her hands to indicate that she had no money. Joseph caught the eye of the policeman on the street and told her that they would suit him almost as well as cash. Mrs. Greenberg asked to be allowed to keep her wedding ring, but Joseph refused to let her have it and took that as well as four other rings set with diamonds.

When Joseph had the rings in his pocket he bolted out of the flat, leaving his stepmother to call out and faint. He was revived by a servant who heard her fall. By the time Mrs. Greenberg had been revived and had told her husband, who was in the dining room on the first floor, of the theft, Joseph had a long start and the police were reduced to sending out a general alarm with orders to keep an eye on the Greenbergs. Mrs. Greenberg valued her rings at \$500.

The police say that Joseph Greenberg, who is 23 years old, had taken lessons from a man who taught him to hold a gun in his own home. They say that he had other things he deserved from the navy a year ago and served a term in prison as a deserter.

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